



February 1, 2007

The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
United States House of Representatives
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Goodlatte,

On behalf of the Electronic Industries Alliance, the Telecommunications Industry Association and our nearly 1,000 member companies within the information and communications technology (ICT) industry, we want to thank you for your introduction of H. 743, the Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act. We are grateful for your longtime support of a moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on e-commerce and look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure passage of a permanent ban before the current law expires this November.

Permanence and certainty of a moratorium on potentially burdensome taxation for consumers is crucial for the continued growth of the Internet and the deployment of increasingly advanced high-tech communications services, including cable, DSL, optical fiber and satellite broadband. We strongly support your decision to maintain the technology-neutral position of current law and take into account all technologies – current or in development – that provide Internet access.

The ICT sector has grown exponentially since the enactment of the original tax moratorium in 1995, and its permanent enactment will ensure that this expansion continues. One of the pillars of the innovation agenda so important to our industry is ubiquitous broadband access for all Americans, and this legislation is a strong step in bringing this vision to fruition. Again, thank you for your consistent support on this important issue, and please let us know if EIA and TIA can do anything to assist in your efforts.

Regards,

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Charlie Robinson
Interim President & Chief Operating Officer
Electronic Industries Alliance

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Grant Seiffert
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